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STATE OF NEW JERSEY
DEPARTMENT OF LAW & PUBLIC SAFETY
DIVISION OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS
BOARD OF NURSING

IN THE MATTER OF THE LICENSE OF

CATHERINE SANTISE, LPN License # 26NE00367700

TO PRACTICE NURSING IN THE STATE OF NEW JERSEY

Administrative Action

CONSENT ORDER

This matter was opened to the New Jersey State Board of
Nursing ("Board") upon receipt of Catherine Santise's application
to reactivate her inactive license as a Licensed Practical
Nurse, including a certification and authorization form for a
criminal history background check dated April 26, 2011. Upon
review of the results of the criminal history background check,
the Board ascertained that the applicant was arrested twice, the
first time on December 19, 1976 by members of the East Brunswick
Police Department, New Jersey, when she was charged with a

violation of N.J.S.A. 2A:170-97 (Shoplifting). On March 16, 1977, the applicant was found guilty by a judge of the East Brunswick Municipal Court and given a suspended sentence of confinement for thirty days. The applicant was again arrested on August 20, 1990 by members of the East Windsor Police Department, New Jersey, for N.J.S.A. 2C:20-11B (shoplifting). On October 18, 1990 those charges were dismissed.

The applicant failed to disclose these arrests and conviction on her application for reactivation, answering "No" to question 3 on the application to reactivate and "No" to question 6 on the certification and authorization form for a criminal history background check, which call for disclosure of arrests and convictions.

The applicant maintains that, due to the amount of time that has passed since her arrests and conviction, she did not remember them. Furthermore, she states, that she did not know that these arrests left a blemish on her record. The applicant claims that she was assured, on the night of one of her arrests, that there was no offense committed. She also notes that she signed a document releasing the shopping establishment from liability, and promising not to make derogatory statements about that establishment. The applicant concludes that she never felt that the second arrest would be a part of her record, and that

she never intended to mislead or misinform the Board. However, questions 3 and 6 are designed to flush out the factual existence of any arrest or conviction. The applicant provided false answers to those questions.

The Board finds that the applicant's use of dishonesty, deception, or misrepresentation in not disclosing her arrests and conviction on her application form and criminal history background check constitutes a violation of N.J.S.A. 45:1-21(b).

The Board, having reviewed this matter, and having considered the nature of the above conduct, and the parties desiring to resolve this matter, and the Board having determined that the within Order is sufficiently protective of the public, in lieu of further proceedings, and for other good cause shown;

IT IS on this // day of, fully , 2012
HEREBY ORDERED AND AGREED that:

- 1. A civil penalty is hereby imposed on the applicant in the amount of two hundred and fifty dollars (\$250.00) for failing to disclose arrests and a conviction on her application and certification and authorization for a criminal history background check. Payment shall be in the form of a certified check or money order made payable to the State of New Jersey, and shall be submitted contemporaneously with this signed Order.
  - 2. The applicant shall obey all the laws of the State of

New Jersey, the United States and their political subdivisions as well as all regulations, rules or laws pertaining to the practice of nursing in the State or jurisdiction in which she practices nursing.

NEW JERSEY STATE BOARD OF NURSING

By:

Patricia Murphy, PhD, AFN

Board President

I have read and understand the within Consent Order and agree to be bound by its terms.

Catherine Santise

LPN License # 26NE00367700

Date: 4/5/12